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TAGS: PFOR, KE, UG

SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGE SQUEEZES AMIN

1. AS REPORTED NAIROBI PRESS, RADIO UGANDA JULY 24  
CARRIED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO UNSYG WALDHEIM AND  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAU WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA COM-  
PLAINING THAT INABILITY TO OBTAIN FUEL THROUGH KENYA  
REPRESENTED A THREAT TO PEACE AND ORDER. HE ASKED UN  
AND OAU TO SEND FACT-FINDING MISSION TO UGANDA AND KENYA  
TO VERIFY SITUATION. HE ASSERTED THAT UGANDA WOULD HAVE  
NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO FIGHT IF FUEL SUPPLY CONTINUED TO  
BE "BLOCKADED" BY KENYA. IN RESPONSE TO KENYAN ASSERTIONS  
THAT UGANDA LACKED FUNDS TO PAY FOR OIL, AMIN CLAIMED THAT  
UGANDA WAS UP TO DATE IN PAYMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL OIL  
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COMPAINES.

2. KENYAN RESPONSE TO AMIN'S LATEST EPISTLE, WHICH HAS MORE DESPERATE RING THAN CONCILIATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA LAST WEEK, HAS BEEN TO REITERATE ALLEGATION THAT UGANDA OWES APPROXIMATELY \$60 MILLION IN FUEL BILLS. FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI (WHO RETURNED FROM U.S. ON JULY 24) DENIED EXISTENCE OF BLOCKADE, SAYING GOK HAD NOT CLOSED BORDER. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT KENYAN FUEL TANKER DRIVERS WERE RELUCTANT TO ENTER UGANDA BECAUSE OF FEARS THAT THEY WOULD BE HARMED. WAIYAKI ADDED THAT KENYA HAD NO INTEREST IN FIGHTING UGANDA, BUT WOULD DEFEND ITSELF IF ATTACKED BY UGANDA ON FALSE PRETEXT OF "BLOCKADE."

3. MEANWHILE, NAIROBI "STANDARD" JULY 26 REPORTED FROM KAMPALA THAT HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS HAD STORMED INTO AMIN'S COMMAND POST, AND THAT INTERMITTENT FIRING HAD BEEN HEARD FROM VICINITY. AMIN WAS SAID TO HAVE "MELTED AWAY" TO ONE OF HIS HIDEOUTS. NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS STORY IS AVAILABLE, BUT IT ILLUSTRATES RUMORS MAKING THE ROUNDS IN NAIROBI.

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